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SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a couple questions of Senator Hoagland. Senator Hoagland, how much money did you raise in your campaign?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Oh, Senator Reutzel, I raised about \$11,000 in both the primary and the general, between eleven and twelve.

SENATOR REUTZEL: And did you receive any pack money?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I did. I received well under \$5,000 in pack money.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Did you receive any contributions from packs of over \$500?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I did.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Did that influence any of your votes down here in the Legislature?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I hope not, Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. I oppose the bringing this bill out to the floor.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I support the motion, basically because I support the idea of addressing the problem of contributions from packs, and let me tell you what I feel to be a really distressing problem that you have when campaign contributions are coming largely from political organization groups, from associations, from large groups of people. The problem is essentially this. Let's take the teachers' association, for example, and let's say that an individual teacher pays so much to the association and that teacher knows that a portion of that payment is going to be used by the association to fund political campaigns. Having given to the organization, the teacher then feels like they don't want to give any additional amount to political campaigns and the political organizations because they have already contributed. They know that the teachers' association is going to contribute on their behalf but maybe the organization wouldn't contribute to the candidate who that individual teacher would prefer to see elected if all the different positions of that candidate were known to the individual. The teachers' association, when it decides to give its funds to a particular